statement showing the retail prices of pulses during the last one yer, month-wise at Super Bazar, Kendriya Bhandar and open market at Delhi is given at Annexure. [*See* Appendix 173, Annexure No. 46]

(b) The prices of pulses in general have shown some upward trend mainly due to an estimated gap of about 3 million tonnes in the demand for and supply of pulses, nearly stagnant production and increase in the Minimum Support Prices. Apart from taking measures to increase the domestic production of pulses, the Government has put the import of pulses under OGL at 10% customs duty to augment supply and make them available to common man at reasonable prices. Pulses are also being supplied through the retail outlets of Cooperative Stores, Kendriya Bhandar and State Civil Supplies Corporations.

District Consumer Fora in Tamil Nadu

1968. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) how many District Consumer Fora are presently functioning in Tamil Nadu;

(b) the details thereof indicating the number of cases pending before each Forum;

(c) how many cases were instituted and how many cases were disposed of during the last three years, year-wise figures; and

(d) whether Government will institute more Fora in cities like Madras, Coimbatore, Madurai and Trichy for speedy disposal of pending cases?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) As per information available with the Central Government, 22 District Fora are functioning in Tamil Nadu.

(b) and (c) The Ministry compiles this information on quarterly basis. As on 30.9.1994, 26089 number of cases have been filed out of which 16241 have been disposed by the District Fora functioning in Tamil Nadu. As such 9848 cases are pending with them. This Ministry does not compile District Forum-wise information.

(d) The responsibility of setting up additional District Forum lies solely with the State Government.

Coffee Prices

1969. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the cost of a 50 gram Jar of the Nestle Coffee in the open market, Super Bazar, Kendriya Bhandar during each of last twelve months; and;

(b) the reasons for varying prices of the product in the Super Bazar and the Kendriya Bhandar?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) A Statement in respect of Super Bazar and Kendriya Bhandar is enclosed. (*See* below). This Ministry is not monitoring the open market price of this commodity.

(b) The reasons for varying prices of the products in super Bazar and Kendriya Bhandar are due to variation in makeup on landed cost and selling of left over stocks.

Statement

(Selling price Rs. per jar)

	Super Bazar	Kendriya Bhandar
	50 gm jar of Nestle Coffee	50 gm jar of Nestle Coffee
March '94	28.50	24.00
April '94	28.50	24.00